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2:00 pm Blatt Room 110

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Attendance

- I. The Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair John Taliaferro (Jay) West on Monday, April 19, 2021, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Representatives Gil Gatch; Rosalyn D. Henderson-Myers; and Timothy A. (Tim) McGinnis participated virtually in the meeting.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

Approval of Minutes

- I. **Representative Gatch** makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 8, 2021, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Gatch motion to approve the March 8, 2021, meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Gatch	✓		
Rep. Henderson-Meyers	✓		
Rep. McGinnis	✓		
Rep. West	✓		

Discussion of Department of Health and Human Services

- I. Chair West places the following under oath: Mr. Quincy Swygert, Director of Planning and Budget; Mr. Jeff Leiritz, Director of External Affairs; and Ms. Jenny Stirling, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs.

Chair West reminds Mr. T. Clark Phillip, Interim Director and Chief Financial Officer, that he remains under oath.

- II. Interim Director Phillip provides a finance overview of the agency related to Medicaid financing. Topics discussed in the overview include:
- a. outline of future presentations;
 - b. agency purpose: review of agency mission, principles, and goals;
 - c. agency strategic plan;
 - d. agency deliverable #7 to exercise fiscal responsibility in the use of taxpayer resources;
 - e. related agency performance measures for fiscal year 2019-20;
 - f. turnover data for finance department;
 - g. related state and federal agency statutes;
 - h. department employee equivalents and costs;
 - i. employee satisfaction;
 - j. finance organizational chart;
 - k. agency and program framework;

- l. what the agency is not;
- m. Medicaid obligations beyond coverage;
- n. level-setting;
- o. who is responsible for what;
- p. value proposition for healthcare coverage;
- q. major finance concepts;
- r. major finance concepts – federal portion;
- s. major finance concepts – state portion; and
- t. major finance concepts – ways DHHS pays

III. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:

- a. public cross-subsidy;
- b. performance measures;
- c. employee engagement;
- d. turnover of finance department;
- e. employee satisfaction;
- f. matching funds;
- g. impact of an aging population on Medicaid;
- h. supplemental teaching payments to hospitals;
- i. graduate medical education payments to hospitals;
- j. Medicaid expansion;
- k. Block grant funding model – potential changes if implemented;
- l. Coverage of Sickle cell services;
- m. Prescription coverage;
- n. Medicaid in-patient reimbursement rate the same for private providers and mental health;
- o. Federal poverty level eligibility level for CHIP funding;
- p. Review of funding acronyms;
- q. CHIP funding levels by the federal governments; and
- r. How do you determine a fair rate for in-patient hospital services.

Agency staff respond to the members' questions.

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.